



**Concord Fire Department
Concord, New Hampshire**



For Immediate Release

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Re: 2nd Press Release regarding the Concord Center

Concord, NH – The Concord Fire Department and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) was working under a unified command system announced that the Concord Center located on Ferry Street temporarily closed due to an unusual odor in the building. Upon arrival, fire personnel determined that the odor were emanating from the basement area, where upon investigation it was determined that several containers of various compounds were identified and DES was called in to assist.

DES analyzed sediment from the water pumped from the basement and identified the following compounds: Isopropyl benzene (commonly found in petroleum products), Limonene (a citrus fragrance component of common cleaners), and some other tentatively identified compounds such as Alpha – Pinene, 4 - Carene, Cyclohexanone, Cyclohexen, and Benzene (commonly found in fuel and solvents).

During the initial investigation, approximately 70 5-gallon sized buckets, many in poor condition were discovered in the basement. The containers contained a variety of hazardous materials such as Formaldehyde, #6 Fuel Oil, Roofing Tar, Adhesives, Petroleum oils, Paint Solvents, Various Paints, and Flammable Liquids.

Clean Harbors was contracted by the John Flatley Company, the owner of the building to remove and clean up all the materials from the basement. Clean up is currently in progress. The Scott Lawson Group will conduct extensive air monitoring through out the building this evening to ensure the atmosphere in the building is free of contaminates. Mr. Flatley has provided complete cooperation, working with officials from DES and Concord Fire Department to hire qualified persons to mitigate and resolve the condition as quickly as possible. The results from the testing and their evaluation should be completed on Thursday May 27 by noon. The determination to occupy the building will be made at that time.

Building occupants may contact the John Flatley Company at 781-380-7731 or 225-5760 for more information.

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